

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Savoonga

Savoonga is a second class city located on the northern coast of St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea, about 165 miles west of Nome. Savoonga is part of the Nome Census Area.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 722, a gain of about 79 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 58 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 52 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education than any other occupation.

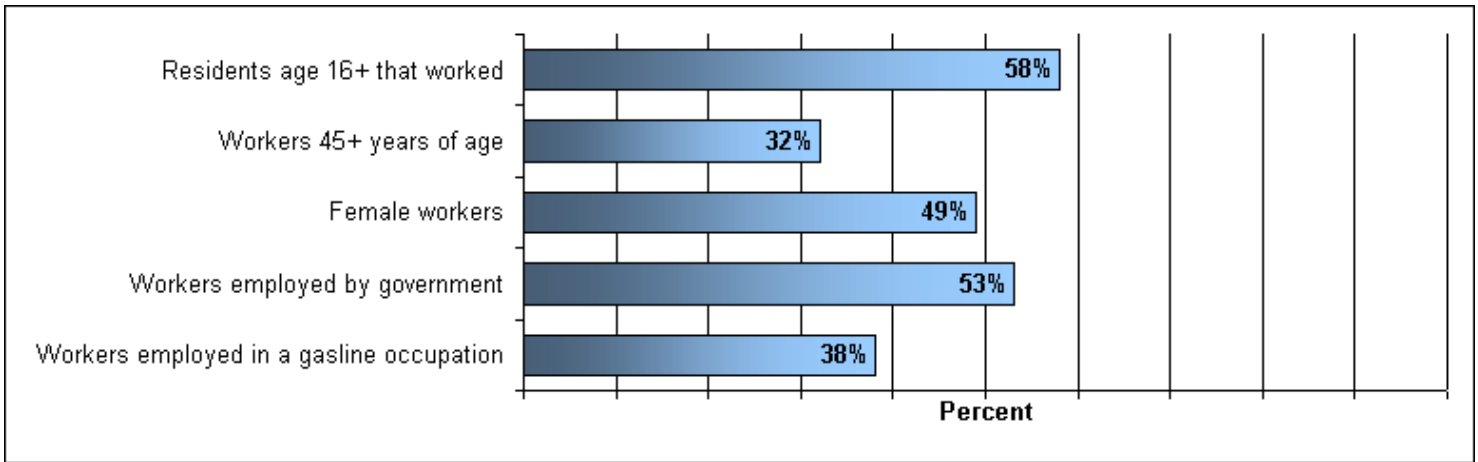
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Savoonga Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	460	Total wages	\$4,472,528
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	268	Private	127
Male	138	State government	1
Female	130	Local government	140
Age 45+	86	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	60	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	213
		Percent working all 4 quarters	44.4%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	68	Some construction	70
		At least 1 year construction	21
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	6
New hires	144	Worked in an AGIA occupation	223

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2008 Residents

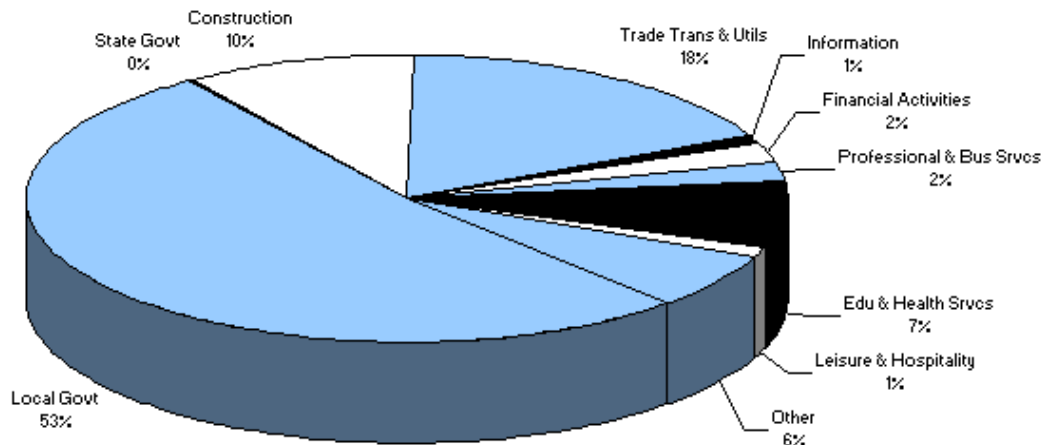


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	24	62.5%	8	7
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	23	21.7%	5	3
Fishers and Related Fishing Workers	20	45.0%	2	1
Teacher Assistants	19	89.5%	8	5
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	17	0.0%	4	2
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers AGIA	9	11.1%	2	2
Cooks, All Other	9	77.8%	4	3
Cashiers	9	100.0%	3	1
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers	9	88.9%	1	0
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	8	25.0%	4	3
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	8	12.5%	0	0
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	7	85.7%	0	0
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	7	0.0%	2	0
Helpers--Carpenters AGIA	6	0.0%	5	4
Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, All Other	6	100.0%	2	1
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	6	100.0%	1	0
Power Plant Operators HOT JOB	5	0.0%	2	1
Legislators	5	0.0%	3	2

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0.0%	0	0
Construction	26	23.1%	7	4
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	0	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	47	36.2%	16	13
Information	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	6	0.0%	5	4
Professional and Business Services	6	100.0%	2	0
Educational and Health Services	20	80.0%	6	5
Leisure and Hospitality	*	*	*	*
State Government	*	*	*	*
Local Government	140	50.0%	43	28
Other	17	76.5%	5	4
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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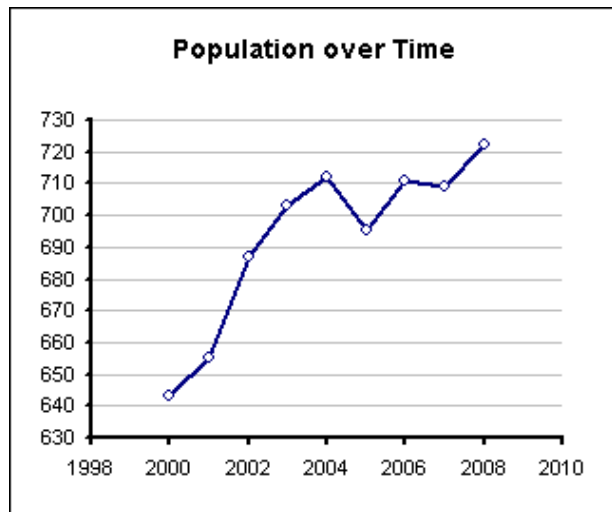
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	33	38	52	53

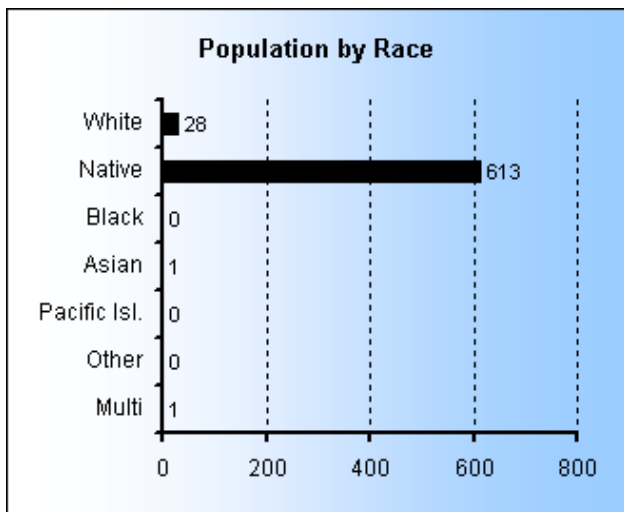
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Bering Strait School Dist
Savoonga IRA Council
Harpoon Construction Group Inc
Norton Sound Economic Development
City Of Savoonga
Savoonga Native Store
Savoonga Joint Utilities
Rural AK Comm Action Program
Norton Sound Health Corp
Savoonga Scholarship Committee
Bering Straits Reg Housing Authority



2000 Census	
Median Age	25.5
Average Family Size	5.2
Average Household Size	4.4
Per Capita Income	\$7,725
Median Family Income	\$27,917
Median Household Income	\$23,438



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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